

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A forecast value estimating method for estimating forecast values formed by a plurality of companies by use of a computer, said forecast value estimating method comprising:

5       executing one of or both of processing for determining an exception for said forecast value as a different estimation of said forecast value in which, by applying, to said forecast values formed by said companies, criteria of said exception for said forecast value for determining whether or not said  
10 forecast value matches said exception for said forecast value, it is determined whether or not said forecast value matches said exception for said forecast value, and processing for determining an exception for basis information indicating a factor for calculating the forecast values formed by the  
15 companies as a different estimation of the basis information in which, by applying, to the basis information, criteria of determining whether or not said basis information matches said exception, it is determined whether or not the basis information matches the exception; and  
20       determining the exceptions as different estimations of forecasts formed by said plurality of companies.

2. A forecast value estimating method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

adding an importance to said basis information and;  
25       designating said basis information by said importance

in said processing for determining said exception of said basis information.

3. A forecast value estimating method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

5       executing processing for calculating a recommended forecast value in which said recommended forecast value is calculated to correct said forecast value when determining said exception.

4. A forecast value estimating method according to  
10 Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

executing processing for calculating recommended basis information in which said recommended basis information is calculated to correct said basis information when determining said exception.

15       5. A forecast value estimating method according to Claim 4, further comprising the steps of:

adding an importance to said basis information; and  
designating the basis information as a target of said processing for calculating the recommended basis information  
20 by the importance.

6. A forecast value estimating method according to Claim 3, further comprising the step of:

correcting said forecast value on said recommended forecast value.

25       7. A forecast value estimating method according to any

one of Claim 4, further comprising the step of:

said basis information based on said recommended basis information.

8. A server comprising:

5 first storing means for storing forecast values which are forecasted by a plurality of companies;

second storing means for storing exception criteria for the forecast values, indicating criteria for determining an exception for the forecast value as a different estimation  
10 of said forecast value;

means for determining the exception criteria for said forecast value which determines the exception for said forecast value by applying said forecast value and the exception criteria for said forecast value;

15 third storing means for storing basis information indicating a factor for calculating the forecast values formed by the companies; and

means for determining an exception for the basis information which determines the exception for the basis  
20 information by applying exception criteria for the basis information for determining the exception of the basis information as a different estimation of the basis information.

9. A server according to Claim 8, wherein importance  
25 information indicating an importance is added to said basis

information, and said means for determining the exception for the basis information designates the basis information used for the determination in accordance with said importance information.

5           10. A server according to Claim 8, further comprising:  
          means for calculating a recommended forecast value  
which calculate the recommended forecast value to correct said  
forecast value when said means for determining the exception  
for the forecast value determines the exception.

10           11. A server according to Claim 8, further comprising:  
          means for calculating recommended basis information  
which calculate the recommended basis information to correct  
said basis information when said means for determining said  
exception for the basis information determines the exception.

15           12. A server according to Claim 11, wherein importance  
information indicating an importance is added to said basis  
information, and said importance designates the basis  
information as a calculating target of said means for  
calculating the recommended basis information.

20           13. A server according to Claim 10, further comprising:  
          forecast-value correcting means which correct said  
forecast value based on said recommended forecast value.

          14. A server according to Claim 11, further comprising:  
          basis-information correcting means which correct said  
25 basis information based on said recommended basis

information.

15. A computer-executable program comprising the steps of:

executing one or both of processing for determining an  
5 exception for a forecast value as a different estimation of  
said forecast value in which, by applying, to said forecast  
values formed by said companies, criteria of said exception  
for said forecast value for determining whether or not said  
forecast value matches said exception, it is determined  
10 whether or not said forecast value matches said exception for  
said forecast value, and processing for determining an  
exception for basis information indicating a factor for  
calculating the forecast values formed by the companies as  
a different estimation of the basis information in which, by  
15 applying, to the basis information, criteria of determining  
whether or not said basis information matches said exception,  
it is determined whether or not the basis information matches  
the exception; and

finding a different estimation of forecasts formed by  
20 the plurality of companies.

16. A computer-executable program according to Claim  
15, further comprising the step of:

executing processing for calculating a recommended  
forecast value to correct said forecast value in which said  
25 recommended forecast value is calculated when determining

said exception.

17. A computer-executable program according to Claim 15, further comprising the step of:

executing processing for calculating recommended basis  
5 information to correct said basis information, in which said  
recommended basis information is calculated when determining  
said exception.